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This Month

We are back to our regularly scheduled program this month..... Come on down and say 'HOWDY' !

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Monthly Planner

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MARCH MEETING

One more time!

The second Monday in March (03/11/96) is defiantly not the best day to have the clubs regular meeting. Perhaps Atari owners are so stubborn they won't meet except on the first Tuesday of the month. Needless to say the turnout was not the best, Glenn Fowler and Peter Chen are still trying to find the place.

The meeting was called to order at the usual hour of 8:00 PM by President Robbie Bridges. As noted above two of our Officers couldn't find the meeting, but then considering the source what do you expect.

President Bridges introduced a couple of visitors one who had a whole bunch of computers from Atari 8 Bit to a PC. Obviously this one will fit right in he's as confused as the rest of Atari owners and will make a fine new member.

Robbie reviewed the prizes for tonight's raffle which contained a couple more of those great wide carriage Epson printers as well as a host of lesser items for the rest of the winners. Having done that he turned the meeting over to Bob Woolley who commenced to demonstrate the March Floppy.

Sure do enjoy Bobs demonstration of the monthly floppy. There are more belly laughs watching him try to demonstrate games than watching Saturday Night Live. If you think I exaggerate watch him run Biffdrop, one of this months several games, without a doubt he can and does set speed records for losing games. Once he lost on the very first move, very exciting. Maybe we should set up a contest. Even I would try to lose quicker than Bob but he will have to give the rest of us a handicap.

The other game on the disk was Pong the granddaddy of all computer games, of course this one is Perfect Pong with all kinds of improvements. Even Bob was able to hit the puck three or four times before losing. Mixed up with a couple of utilities and a movie program, not a bad disk.

Even though President Bridges didn't bother to tell you we will have nomination for 1996 / 1997 club Officers at both the April meeting and the May meeting with the elections scheduled for the June meeting. With luck we might even get some better officers this time. (Hope springs eternal)

The latest hot rumor concerns Microsoft, who has just picked up the rights to Atari's GEM operating system. Maybe they have decided to make the next version of Windows the perfect one. All the great happenings over at APPLE are enough to warm the hearts of ATARI fans, with a bit of luck they will be setting new ways to lose really huge amounts of money. Rumor has it that Apple has hundreds of millions of dollars in inventory but none of it the high end Power PC machines that they can use to build up their sales. Wonder what the inventory is, Apple II's or maybe NEXT's?? Or maybe the new game machines that are supposed to go on sale in Japan soon!!

That's all Folks!

Jim Moran Secretary

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by Bob Scholar SLCC 8-bit Software Chairman

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GENERAL COMMENTS

Our Library Disk (#0-PR) has been updated thru 3/96. Glenn has copies.

The Jan./Feb. 1996 issue (Vol. 5, No. 1) of the 'new' ATARI CLASSICS is a winner! I got my copy on 3/13/96.

D.O.M. SUMMARY

The back has Bellcom's ES3 (Earth Sciences #3) program disk. The front has 7 files:- 3 Games, 1 maze ADV., 1 Game/DEMO, 1 UTILITY, & 1 (??). Three are from OHAUG's 1996 "Bonus Disk".

CONTENTS- DISK #1404:-

Front:- Boot with BASIC!

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*SLCC1404.DOC	029	DOS	.SYS 037
HELLO	010	AUTORUN	.SYS 002
MENU	034	BANNER	.BAS 030
DOMINOES.BAS	098	FT	.BAS 056
KOOKY	.BAS 120	MIDAS	.OBJ 109
NAMEAGE	.BAS 036	RELAX	.BAS 146

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Back:- Boot with BASIC!

* BELLCOM's->	000	*<--# 496---	000
* --Earth---	000	*<-Science 3	000
*DOS	.SYS 037	*AUTORUN	.SYS 002
*SCIMENU .1	013	*SCIMENU .2	013
*SCIMENU .SYS	012	*EARTH	044
*MERCURY	041	*JUPITER	044
*MOONQUIZ	042	*SHUTTLE	050
*OUTER	041	*VENUS	042
*SATURN	045	*TRIVIA	051
*SPACELAB	054	*SUN	037
*MARS	044	*SUNQUIZ	043
*WHOSWHO	043		

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PROGRAM DETAILS

BANNER.BAS (Bannertizer) by John Bauman is a UTILITY from ANTIC 12/84. It can create horizontal and vertical banners on an 80-column printer, with letters up to 10 inches wide! It's in BASIC; it works with dot-matrix or LQ printers; and it has instructions.

DOMINOES.BAS- A Game from OHAUG'S 1996 "Bonus Disk"- for one player. It

is supposed to run OK in TURBO BASIC, -but I found it a bit fast. By Jeremy Smith- it has excellent instructions; 4 levels of play; & 2 game modes. You are asked to set the number of points to be reached in each game.

FT.BAS (Fortune Teller)- by J. R. Payne is from AIM (2,3/92). It's easy and has very good instructions. It's highly suitable for younger players.

KOOKY.BAS is a windowed scrolling maze ADVENTURE that uses the keyboard and a Joystick. Fight monsters while searching for the magic key to escape from a multi-level dungeon. You must go to the lowest level,- get the key, and use it to unlock the door at the top level. There are 2 skill levels. From ANTIC 2/85. It's by the trio who wrote OVERFLOW (see SLCC1209).

MIDAS.OBJ is a Game by Ken Miller from ANALOG #52 (3/87); a maze chase, similar to PAC-MAN. For 1 player and JoyStick. You try to get as much gold as you can; avoiding the Random Rover vehicles. There are 6 objects placed on each board to enable you to 'spin' the Rovers (for awhile). Hit any key to pause/unpause the action.

NAMEAGE.BAS is a fun Game or Demo math. recr./stunt of a type we've all seen. It asks for age, pocket change, etc., and has you do some arithmetic, before giving back your input. Try to figure out how it works! From OHAUG's 1996 Bonus Disk. It ran too fast for me in Turbo BASIC!

RELAX.BAS is from the same OHAUG disk, and it too is hard to classify. It's a very clever program of muscle, and breathing exercises; and soothing ocean sounds to help you relax. ATARI BASIC is probably the best way to run this one, also. I have no information about this program's source.

BELLCOM's Earth Sciences disk #3 uses the whole back side of this DOM. It features 14 short quizzes on space and solar system subjects. Developed in 1985 by Peter Loeser;- very little of the material is outdated!

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An independent, money losing organization of Atari Computer users. Membership at \$20.00 per year doesn't buy you a whole lot, but the price has never been raised. Call any Officer to join.

General Meeting

**Tuesday, April 2nd, 1996
8:00PM**

**San Leandro Community Library
300 Estudillo Avenue
San Leandro**

April Fools is now so near,
so don't believe what you hear.

Atari may be out of it,
but we still love our old 8-bit.